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SUBJ: NEW GATE IN OLD CITY WALLS

1. PRESS REPORTS AUGUST 3 PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION
OF A NEW GATE IN THE OLD CITY'S WALLS BETWEEN ZION AND
DUNG GATES TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO LARGE UNDERGROUND
PARKING FACILITY TO BE BUILT IN JEWISH QUARTER.

2. REPORT STATES PROPOSAL WILL SOON BE PRESENTED
TO PLANNING AUTHORITIES BY CORPORATION FOR THE
RECONSTRUCTION OF THE JEWISH QUARTER. EARLIER PLANS
FOR AN UNDERGROUND TUNNEL HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN DROPPED
BECAUSE OF EXPENSE AND PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH ARCHAEOLOGICAL-
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LOGICAL REMAINS AND FACT TUNNEL WOULD CROSS CHURCH
PROPERTY. CARS ENTERING THROUGH THE NEW GATE
WOULD EMERGE INTO A SQUARE AND THEN DESCEND
INTO AN UNDERGROUND PARKING GARAGE FOR 600
VEHICLES.

3. COMMENT: PRESS REPORT CONFIRMS RECENT

COMMENTS BY MAYOR KOLLEK TO CONGEN. PRESENT
ACCESS TO JEWISH QUARTER THROUGH JAFFA GATE AND
ARMENIAN QUARTER IS THROUGH NARROW WINDING
STREETS WITHOUT SIDEWALKS. ZION GATE UNSUITABLE
FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC. PRESUMABLY, NEW GATE
WOULD BE BUILT TO WEST OF BURJ EL KABRIT
(MIGDAL GOFRIT) POINT OF OLD CITY WALLS.
ALTHOUGH DESIRABLE FROM MODERNIZATION STANDPOINT,
ANY BREACH IN SULEYMAN THE MAGNIFICENT' 16TH
CENTURY WALLS BY ISRAELIS CERTAIN TO CAUSE A STIR
IN THE UN. END COMMENT.

4. MAYOR KOLLEK ALSO TOLD CONGEN MAJOR STRUCTURAL
CHANGE WERE PLANNED FOR DUNG GATE TO ENLARGE
AND BEAUTIFY IT. NEWLIN UNQTE CHRISTOPHER

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